

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) present the draft water quality improvement plan for bacteria reductions in Buckingham County streams. The impaired stream segments include - 6.14 miles of Austin Creek, 3.83 miles of Frisby Branch, 8.44 miles of North River, 0.95 mile of Troublesome Creek, 16.92 miles of the Slate River, and 8.84 miles of Rock Island Creek in Buckingham County. The Slate River empties into the James River, and Rock Island Creek, a tributary of the James River, empties into James west of the confluence of the Slate and James Rivers.

TMDLs for these six segments were included in the TMDL study completed for the Slate River in March 2007. The TMDLs were approved by EPA, a copy of which can be found on DEQ's website at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl/apptmdls/jamesrvr/jmslate.pdf>.

Section 62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia requires the development of an IP for approved TMDLs. The IP should provide measurable goals and the date of expected achievement of water quality objectives. The draft IP includes the corrective actions needed to reduce bacteria loadings and their associated costs, benefits and environmental impacts.

The second public meeting on the development of the IP for the above impaired segments will be held on **Wednesday, October 20, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Buckingham Agricultural Center, 54 Administration Lane, Buckingham, VA**. The IP addresses corrective actions and incentives to reduce bacteria loadings from agriculture, pets, failing septic systems and straight pipes.

The public comment period will end on November 21, 2010. A fact sheet on the development of an IP for the above impaired stream segments is available upon request. Written comments and inquiries should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Dr. Ram Gupta, Department of Conservation and Recreation, 101 North 14th St., 11th Floor, Monroe Building, Richmond, Virginia 23219, email address: ram.gupta@dcr.virginia.gov, phone (804) 371-0991.